



Telling The Stories of Community-Led Planning

This history matters. Each struggle is a record of people's efforts to influence their lives and the places they care about. Together, their stories provide important insights into the shifting nature of community action, planning and the role of grassroots struggles in shaping places.

Hundreds of examples

Our work shows that since the 1960s, there have been hundreds of examples of Community-Led planning.



Planning for and by people

Initiatives have focused on diverse issues using a range of techniques and strategies. Community action is hard work and isn't always easy but they all show that there are alternatives.



Stories from across the UK

To capture this diversity we looked at eight stories from the different nations and regions of the UK in more depth.

- The People's Plan for the Royal Docks London; Popular Planning, Jobs and Alternatives
- Belfast; Community Planning in a Time of Conflict
- Birmingham for People Women's Group; What's Hidden in Hidden Histories
- The Laird Building Birkenhead; Planning for Real and Community Enterprise
- Dundee; From Planning Aid to Inner City Neighbourhood Action
- Gwynedd; Culture, Language and Community Enterprises
- Sheffield; The Grassroots of the People's Republic
- Community Action Magazine; Creating a Digital Archive